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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Tatsuya ISHITOBI, et al.

Application No.: 10/618,271

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DISK MANAGEMENT INFORMATION  
AND DISK DEVICE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper, include replacement sheets appended hereto.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.